

*DOE Transportation Protocols
Topic Group*

Discussions and Findings

February 2000 Meeting

General Timeline, Process

- 5 Protocols Reviewed; 2 for Round 1, 3 for Round 2
- Submitting Comments March 10
- Potential 4 Round 2 Review in April
- Potential 6 Round 1 Review in April
- May Need A Spring Face-to-Face Review Meeting to Meet Review/Release Goals

Shipment Prenotification

- Treat All TRU Shipments Like WIPP
- Need for 7+ Days' Receipt of Information
- Potential for Alternate Means of Communication (Non-Snail Mail)

Shipment Planning Information

- PSM Principal Mechanism
 - Recommend Annual PSM with Quarterly Rolling Updates
- Definitions of “High Volume”
LLW/MLLW Campaigns an Issue
 - Setting the “Bar” for Defining Numbers and Duration for Truck and For Rail

Routing

- Written Comments Due March 10
- LLW the Big Issue/Most Discussion
 - Suggestions for Looking at Non-RAM Hazmat Planning Guidance
 - Regional Difference of Opinion/Perspective Exists for LLW Planning

Emergency Notification

- Written Comments by March 10
- Acknowledgement of Role of Local Communities
- When in Doubt, Make the Call
- Definition of Non-Emergency (Off-Normal) Event

Emergency Response

- Comments Due on March 10
- Criteria Addresses Actions Taken by Response Jurisdictions, Not Just DOE (Unique)
- Local Government Role an Issue Here Too
- Public Affairs Issues Being Coordinated with Public Information Protocol (and Communication Topic Group)

Action Items

- Alternate Means of Communication; Coordinating with NRC
- OCRWM RFP/Privatization and Roles in Routing Decisions
- Release Drafts in PDF Format
- Extent to Which Tribes Use Unified Command Structure Is Being Explored